

# Virginia Baseball-Crazy--Armstrong Holds Show--Mack Grills Kinney

## LOOKING 'EM OVER

BY LOUIS A. DOUGHER

### Virginia Is Baseball-Mad

Virginia is baseball-mad, according to Bob Doyle, well-known to Washington sandlotters as a strong backer of baseball in the District. Bob is business manager and acting field manager of the Norfolk club in the Virginia League. He hopped up to Georgia avenue Sunday from Richmond and watched the Griffs humble the White Sox. He asked to be remembered to all his friends.

"Is baseball going good in Virginia?" he said. "Well, let me tell you that never before has the Virginia League been so prosperous. Yesterday (Saturday) we played to 4,100 fans in Richmond. Down in Wilson, N. C., a town of some 10,000 inhabitants, the average attendance on week days is slightly more than 1,000. It's the same thing all around the circuit, the fans are just hungry for baseball and can't get enough of it. I've been tied up with baseball a good many years in this vicinity and I never saw the like of it."

"Take that town of Wilson again. When Johnny Castle went there as manager, he said he couldn't find a house in which to live. What did the fans do? Why, about a week later they had a sort of holiday and presented him with a deed to a house and lot. They want him to live there all the year round. They'll do anything to get a winning ball club and, with Castle going good, they're liable to get that little thing."

"Bob says that Bunney Corcoran is playing third base for the Norfolk club and going great guns. Bunney formerly played football and baseball at Georgetown University. He was an all-South Atlantic end, ranking with the best ever turned out at the Hilltop. He went into the aviation service during the war, and is now playing professional baseball."

"Corcoran has a future in baseball," says Doyle. "He is young, fields well, and can hit hard enough to suit most. He is game to the core, and I look to see him get a major league trial by the end of the season."

Doyle has instituted several new customs at Norfolk. He introduced ladies' day, having two a week, and on Mondays he admits all boys to the ball park free of charge. He allows the kids to play games in the park every morning, and is educating Norfolk kids to want real baseball."

**Carpenter Surrenders.**  
At last George Carpenter has surrendered to the Griffs. In signing to meet Battling Levinsky in July, or before, the European champion makes practical admission that he is not a drawing card with the circus. He also infers that he has not so much hope as before of facing Jack Dempsey in this country for the world's title. He curiously remarks that he would like to return to France in August. There, shortly, we may expect to hear that Carpenter is sailing home. Like many a man ahead of him, he has been disappointed in not finding our streets paved with gold.

Levinsky, who usually foreign boxers fall into, is a little different. As great a little performer as Jimmy Wilde is, he failed in his first contest. Jack Sharkey outpointed him in ten rounds. It is to his credit that he continued meeting Americans, and it is pleasing to see that he has made good.

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**Foreigners Usually Fall.**  
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**Should Get Real Test.**  
It has been the belief of wise ring followers that Carpenter would need to prove his worth by meeting some of his challengers. If he is as good as his boosters say, he should have little trouble polishing off Bill Brennan, Battling Levinsky, or even Ferocious Fred Fulton. So, finding the golden egg of the Sells-Floto circus about to fade away, the European champion has agreed to meet Dempsey.

If Dempsey, he should have a clinch with the rest of the American flock. But many believe that he will receive a real test in the ring with Battling Levinsky, though the latter backer is a punch and is not as young as he might be.

Levinsky is a fair light heavyweight. He is experienced, knows what to do inside the ropes, and better knows how to stop the other fellow. If he is in any kind of shape in July, he should make Carpenter extend himself.

**May Make Fortune Yet.**  
Carpenter, even with the circus contract a thing of the past, may make a fortune yet, if he begins to be as good as his boosters say. If only one man in the world, Jack Dempsey, is in his class, he should have a soft time in the ring. Further, American ring fans will flock to see him trim the bunch, one after the other.

At the same time, there is just enough doubt as to Carpenter's real ring worth to make us skeptical. We don't, for one thing, believe he has a ghost of a show with Jack Dempsey. He might have his troubles with Fred Fulton, who is a big man, can hit, and has been in the ring for some time.

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**The Griffs' Awful Fall.**  
Slamming the world's champions right merrily in the spring series, the Griffs entered upon the American League campaign with the best of promises. And they stopped right where they started.

President Griffith has collected what looks like a lively ball club. The outfield is considered close to the best, if not the best, in the league. The infield is composed of young players willing and earnest to do their best at all times. Ellerbe isn't the quickest on his feet. Shannon's pegging is occasionally off color and Harris falls down here and there, but

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### Probable Line-ups For Today's Game.

**INDIANS.**  
Graney, 1b.  
Chapman, ss.  
Speaker, cf.  
Wood, rf.  
Gardner, 3b.  
Wamby, 2b.  
Johnston, 1b.  
O'Neill, c.  
Nunamaker, c.  
Thomas, p.  
Coveleskie, p.  
Bagby, p.  
Morton, p.  
Thile, p.  
Nicholas, p.  
Caldwell, p.  
Myers, p.  
Faeth, p.  
Boehling, p.  
Clark, p.

**GRIFFMEN.**  
Milan, 1b.  
Rice, cf.  
Roth, rf.  
Harris, 3b.  
Ellerbe, 3b.  
Shannon, ss.  
Gharrity, c.  
Pietnich, c.  
Torres, c.  
Johnson, p.  
Shaw, p.  
Erickson, p.  
Courtney, p.  
Zachary, p.  
Snyder, p.  
Schacht, p.  
Carlson, p.

Game at 3:30 o'clock.

The combination is a hundred per cent better than that of 1919. Had the team received steady pitching, not airtight all the time, but just steady, the Griffs would now be higher in the race. Olaf Erickson alone has lived up to promises. Zachary started well, but recently has fallen away. The others have not yet started.

However, the warm weather has yet to come. It is possible that the pitchers will improve. They are entitled to that opportunity of showing major league class. They are working hard, even if they are losing all the time. Even Jim Shaw puts all his strength into all he does.

Pennants are not won in May. They go to the best rounded team over a six months' grind. But President Griffith, with his experience as a big league pitcher, should be capable of judging the caliber of his newcomers. If they don't show true blue, as principal owner of the Washington club, it will be money in his pocket to do something radical and money out to let well enough alone.

**By SID MERCER.**  
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**WILL STAGE GAMES.**  
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### Indoor Sports

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6 BOTTLES OF THIS  
UM—PAPA.



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In order that the schoolboys may know what they are shooting at in this meet, the records were delved into over a stretch of years. While they are probably not authentic they are near enough to be made the basis of a start.

The hundred yard record was made in 1901 by W. Dick Dear, of Central, in 10 seconds. R. W. Morse, of Western, and Robert S. Maxam, of the same school equaled this mark in 1905 and 1915. W. Dick Dear also holds the furlong record set in 1902 at 22.2 seconds.

The quarter-mile mark was made by H. Noble Gloggett, of Central, at 33 seconds. Elmer Hardell, of Tech, bettered this in 1915 at Maryland State but the track was several yards too short. Monroe Sheehan, of Tech, ran the half in 1916 in 20:22.

It is expected that this record as well as that of the mile made by Bob Montgomery, present record holder, is at the mercy of either Bob Montgomery, of Central, or Johnny Gross of Tech. Gross recently did 2:02.2 for the half and Montgomery did 4:43.2 for the mile. Stuart's record for the mile.

It is expected that this record is in danger, as either Bob Montgomery, Central track captain, or Johnny Gross, Tech's track leader, are capable of bettering this performance.

Gross recently ran the half in exactly the same time as that made by Sheehan. Montgomery can do this if primed for the event.

A search through the records revealed the fact that Bob Montgomery, of Central, is the record holder in the mile. His mark of 4:47, made last year when forced to the limit by Wells Sherman, of Western, is three and four-fifths seconds better than the 5:04 made by Mike Stuart in 1908.

In the high jump McFadden, of Central, is capable of doing 5 feet 6 inches, which is the record and held by G. W. Curtis, and made in 1907. The pole vault record of 10 feet 6 inches is jointly held by W. G. Thrall, of Tech, and H. Speidel, of Central. Sidney Kent made the broad jump mark of 21 feet 7 1/2 inches in 1905, while A. C. Duggan holds the shot-put record of 41 feet 6 1/2 inches, made in 1904.

A. C. Macdonald is still the record holder in the discus, as his mark of 101 feet 7 inches, made in 1907. The 220 low hurdles record is held by Burwell Hamilton, of Central, and is 27 2-5. Better time has been made, but Hamilton got his mark without knocking down any sticks.

The 120 high hurdles record, so far as can be learned, belongs to Vaughn Connolly, who did 18 2-5 seconds last year.

The javelin record of two years ago still stands. The record mark 1808, made in 1918 at 3:53.3 is the best made by any high school relay team in a title track meet here.

These records may have been bettered, but as far as can be learned, they are accepted as official.

**CENTRAL AND TECH IN TITLE BATTLE TODAY**  
Central and Tech are playing to-day in the annual high school baseball championship series at United Tech. Edwin Kirke has been agreed upon as umpire.

The Manual Trainers will be with the services of Hutchinson, Parilla, and Deck. It is reported, Central team is intact and is expected to score a decisive win.

Krupp will probably do the hurling for Central while Offutt is the likely choice for the Manual Trainers. Russell will be Central's catcher. Johnny A. C. Duggan holds the shot-put record of 41 feet 6 1/2 inches, made in 1904.

Johnson will catch for Tech.

**SEASON IS CONCLUDED.**  
Catholic University baseball players have laid away their bats for another year. Regularly scheduled games finished Saturday with the victory over Maryland State College.

### By Tad

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### NEW YORK TO HAVE DECISION IN BOUTS

Fifteen Rounds To Be Permitted in Bill Signed by Governor Smith.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Boxing came back into its own in New York State today for the first time since the Frawley law went out of existence several years ago.

Gov. Alfred Smith in signing the Walker bill brought the game back to a plane it has not enjoyed since the old Horton law days for the Walker bill provides fifteen-round bouts instead of ten. Under the Frawley law ten rounds was the limit and no decisions could be rendered.

Boxing fans throughout the Empire State, and particularly in New York city, are now enjoying the visions of many championship bouts. The legalizing of boxing means that the Carpenter-Levinsky battle is most likely to be staged in Gotham by Jack Curley. And as soon as the new boxing commission is appointed, and properly licensed clubs begin to operate under the new law, championship bouts in every division probably will be staged here.

Under the new law everyone connected with a boxing show will be properly licensed. Five-ounce gloves will be used by all boxers up to and including lightweights. Boxers over that weight will use six-ounce mittens. The State will collect a 5 per cent tax and the game will be ruled by a commission of three men. The Walker bill contains many clauses aimed at safeguarding the game. There is an age limit for both patrons and contestants. Unfair promotions and ticket scalping will be curbed.

**FITZSIMMONS CONQUERS TENDLER IN HOT SCRAP**  
Sends Foe to Mat With Wallop to Jaw, Thus Gaining Edge in Contest.

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—Eddie Fitzsimmons, the New York lightweight, won an eight-round bout from Lew Tandler last night at Shibe Park before more than 12,000 fans. Honors were about even up to the eighth round, when Fitzsimmons swung a left to the jaw. Down went Tandler, and he never got up.

Kid Williams, former world's bantam champion, staged a great comeback when he soundly walloped Patry Johnson, of Trenton, in eight rounds. Williams looked as good as ever and received an ovation from the big crowd.

Johnny Kilbane, by using all his ring generalship and knowledge of blocking, managed to stay six rounds with Harry "Kid" Brown. It was an unsatisfactory bout.

**EAGLES ARE TRIMMED.**  
With Clancy hurling the Corinthians earned a 7-to-2 win over the Eagle A. C. yesterday.

**STANDINGS**  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE.**  
Cleveland, 21 9,700  
Boston, 19 5,675  
Chicago, 17 12,546  
New York, 15 15,500  
Detroit, 14 8,276

**YESTERDAY'S GAMES**  
Detroit, 3; New York, 1.  
Chicago, 10; Philadelphia, 2.  
Boston, 5; St. Louis, 1.  
Cincinnati, 1; Pittsburgh, 1.  
Cleveland at Washington.  
Chicago at Philadelphia.  
St. Louis at Boston.  
Detroit at New York.

**TODAY'S GAMES**  
Cleveland at Washington.  
Chicago at Philadelphia.  
St. Louis at Boston.  
Detroit at New York.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**  
W. L. P. W. L. P.  
Pittsburgh, 17 12,546  
Cincinnati, 14 12,546  
Brooklyn, 13 11,577  
Chicago, 12 15,545  
Philadelphia, 11 9,585

**YESTERDAY'S GAMES**  
Chicago, 6; Philadelphia, 0.  
Cincinnati, 4; Boston, 2.  
Brooklyn, 1; Pittsburgh, 0.  
New York, 7; St. Louis, 4.

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**MATCH PLAY STARTS IN WOMAN'S GOLF TOURNEY**  
Match play in the annual District golf championship tournament at Chevy Chase starts today. Play will continue each morning until Saturday. Unusually poor scores marked yesterday's play. Mrs. T. Kinkaid, of Chevy Chase, won low medal score with a total of 92, being the only player to score less than 100.

Today's play, with yesterday's qualifying scores, follows:  
Mrs. W. G. Walling, Chevy Chase (108), vs. Mrs. Knox, Washington (107); vs. Mrs. Jonathan Bourne, Chevy Chase (107), vs. Mrs. Tom Moore, Bannockburn (123); vs. Mrs. S. F. Carlson, Washington (124); vs. Mrs. Atkins, Chevy Chase (134), vs. Mrs. Frank Hyatt, Jr., Chevy Chase (100); vs. Mrs. L. C. Cameron, Chevy Chase (101); vs. Mrs. C. L. Fraley, Chevy Chase (104); vs. Mrs. F. C. Hacker, Chevy Chase (113), vs. Mrs. J. R. DeFares, Bannockburn (110); vs. Mrs. L. B. Pierce, Washington (106); vs. Mrs. Emory Smith, Chevy Chase (106); vs. Miss Georgia Herring, Bannockburn (107); vs. Mrs. T. Kinkaid, Chevy Chase (92).

### CONNIE MACK SAYS KINNEY IS QUITTER

Philadelphia Manager Tells Some of His Troubles This Spring.

### How McGraw Describes Nothing

Phil Douglas was nominated by John McGraw to pitch one of the exhibition games against the Boston Red Sox. As he took the mound one of the players, to learn what the plan of battle was, said to Douglas:

"What did McGraw tell you to do?"

"Oh," answered Stuffling Phil, "all he said to me was, 'Don't exert yourself today, Phil; just shut 'em out.'"

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—Connie Mack says Walter Kinney is done in organized baseball. Furthermore, Connie has broken his usual silence and discusses some of his troubles: "Kinney jumped," says Mack, "because he has no vital. He would rather pitch for a small team than try to make something of himself in the big league. Under no circumstances will I ever take Kinney back or allow him to go to another team in organized baseball."

"I don't like to discuss such a personal thing as salary, but to show how liberally Kinney was treated I only have to mention that I voluntarily raised his salary \$1,500 since the season began."

"His 1920 contract called for a salary of \$2,500, and I raised the figure to \$4,000, thinking it might cause him to show more determination and energy. We kept Kinney in funds all last winter. He drew about \$1,000 in advance before the present season started. He jumped to the Franklin Park club, with \$500 of his salary in advance. I am through with him for good."